Southern Baptist Convention.

We learn from the Montgomery Mail that this body opened its session in that city on Monday, the 14th instant, and the proceedings were marked throughout by much interest, and matters of grave and vi tal importance to the Church were brought up and discussed. The first matter noticed in the report before us, is the presentation, by Mr. Pressly, of one hundred dollars as a gift from a lady of South Carolina, to be as the Convention might direct.

An important feature of the proceedings was the motion by Mr. Crane for the adoption of a resolution urging the presentation of a memorial to Congress in regard to the religious rights and privileges of American citizens in foreign lands. After some discussion the resolution was adopted, and the committee appointed to act in the premises.

The report of the committee on the affairs of the church in New Orleans, seemed to engross the attention of the entire Convention, and was, perhaps, one of the leading points for the body. It elicited much interesting and spirited discussion, and was considered the most prominent feature of the Convention. The building has been erected at a cost of \$10,000, of which \$15,-000 were unpaid, and this report proposed that if the Convention would raise one-half of the balance due, the Church at New Orleans would raise the other Half. The report, however, failed to receive the support of the Convention, and a voluntary contribution was agreed upon to assist in liquidating the debt, when some \$1,800 was immediately subscribed.

Much interest was exhibited on the subicct of Home Missions, and several addresses were made, among which that of Mr. Dawsionary spirit, and possesses a rare and al- never complain of not being fully repaid. most prophetic power over the feelings and emotions of his audience.

The committee on the affairs of the Indian Missions submitted their report. The board to render justice to the Indian Missions, and advised their assumption by the Convention, the Domestie Board of Missions being recommended as the channel through which the Convention should operate. Before debating this report, the Rev. Mr. Buckner, former missionary to the Creeks, and at present agent of the Indian Mission Society, addressed the Convention. His speech is represented as having been most eloquent and effective, at the close of which a collection was taken up for Indian tauces for his many amiable qualities. Missions and about \$300 was realized.

Ample testimony is borne to the high character of the body, both for piety and ability, and a high standard of talent and conduct prevailed throughout the session. All who participated in debate displayed respectable abilities and acquirements, and many of them evinced talents and accomplishments of a high order. The lofty bearing and general intelligence of the members have made a most favorable impression upon the minds of those who witnessed

their deliberations, and the community.

The next Convention of this body will be held at Louisville, Kentucky, and W. C. Crane, of Mississippi, was appointed to de-liver the pening sermon. - Char. Standard.

## Bad state of Things.

is a lamentable scarcity of corn. There are, we learn; about five hundred families destitute of bread corn in Talladega county; but the promise of a most extraordina ry and early crop of wheat there relieves the matter, to some extent, of its gloom.-In Chambers, the commissioners' court has appropriated meney to parchase two thouand bushels of corn to feed the destitute; and we learn that Wm. B. S. Gilmer, Esq., of LaFayette, with his accustomed large uess of heart, has given an agent of the county an order to his overseer in this county for all his surplus at \$1 00 per bushel, The court in Tallapoosa has made provision similar to that of Chambers. In parts of Coosa there is great destitution. We know of an instance in which a farmer, after dividing as much as he could possibly spare, was fold that if he did not continue to diselves. His engagements called him else-where, but he has had to remain at home to

This state of things appeals with a voice that only stone can resist to those who are postal system. There should be three postblessed with a superabundance. It is no offices to every one now existing. time for extorting exorbitant prices. Better far is it to adopt the benevolent course of Mr. Gilmer than to tempt the agrarian beast. If he ever gets a lap of blood, he will attain an awful ferocity!

Montgomery (Ala.) Mail.

A BABY STAKED AGAINST A DOLLAR

and card-party placed for various stakes until one of them—a women—becoming, in her language, "dead broke," offered to stake her infant child against a dollar, uponthe issue of the next game. The proposi tion was agreed to by her opponent, who the confident opinion of the able President was a childless mother, and being favored that both will be consummated, as expressed by fortune, the conclusion of the game in his letter to the Ashville meeting, which found her the winner of the babe, a bright, we have copied in this issue. All speed to healthy male infant. The child was delived without a murmur to the winner, and Mudge, from the beartless conduct of the patent, that her offspring will will take place here in July next its now custodian a better home one from which it was much cally when

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#### ABBEVILLE C. H.

FRIDAY, .... MAY 25, 1855. Information Wanted.

Much might be added to the interest and value of a country newspaper, if its editor were ubiquitous-could be everywhere, see everybody, and hear everything. . To supply this want of ubiquity, we appeal to our friends, in every part of the District, to aid us by frequent communications of the cur-

rent events transpiring around them. All such things as marriages, deaths, accidents, and so on, should be published; and how are we to obtain such items if our friends do not report them ?

We will very cheerfully pay all the actual expenses incurred by any one who takes the trouble to communicate anything of interest to us. We ask for nothing more than a bare statement of facts, from which to compile an accurate weekly review of passing events.

Let those of our friends, then, who desire the Press to be the best as it is now the son, of Columbus, Ga:, is spoken of in the cheapest newspaper in the country, manifest highest terms. He exhibited the true mis- a little interest in our behalf, and there shall a little interest in our behalf, and they shall

#### Another Fatal Accident.

We have heard that a little boy by the name of Auxold was accidently shot and report briefly reviewed the inability of that killed, a few days ago, in this District, by 2 young Mr. BAKER.

#### Death of an Editor.

F. W. SYMMES, Jr., one of the editors of the Keowee Courier, died at his father's residence in Pendleton village on the 14th instant. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia, a young man of much promise, and universally esteemed by his acquain-

#### Upper Long Cane.

We thank our friend "LAYNAN" for his kindness in furnishing us simultaneously with our village cotemporary with a copy of his excellent remarks suggested by the services at Upper Long Cane on Saturday. They are conceived in a noble spirit, and may be meditated upon with equal profit by the Episcopalian, the Baptist, the Seceder, the Methodist and the Presbyterian.

## Christian and Deale.

WE invite attention to the advertisement by this firm, appearing in another column. We have noticed in their establishment several Buggies, of their manufacture, which In some of the counties east of us there would not blush in comparison with any we have ever seen. They are tasty and elogant, and we have no doubt, are as durable as they are bandsome.

> Don't stand back, ye who desire vehicle of locomotion, and wait for easier times. Why not buy in hard times, and pay in easy times? - We believe that is decidedly the next best to the cash system.

## New Post-Offices.

SINCE first of April, 1854, forty-five new when he could readily sell it here at \$1 30. State; four of which are in this District, ical truth. Land, and Hodges. We need several more, if good postmasters could be induced to serve for patriotism's sake as a consideration; but it seems country post-offices these vide, those needing corn would help them- days "go a-begging." It will be impossible to disseminate thoroughly the light of general intelligence among the people until vast improvement is made upon our present

## The Greenville and Columbia Railroad.

A MEETING of the Board of Directors was held in Columbia on the 15th instant. Surveys of the proposed Aiken and Niney-Six connection, and also of the projected extension of the Road from Greenville to We are informed on good authority, says Ashville, N. C., were ordered; which comthe Baltimore Republican, that the follow-ing circumstances really transpired on Sat-urdy night, in a low street in Exeter.

Ashville, N. C., were ordered; which com-prises about all the business of importance transacted.

There can be no doubt, it seems to us, of the importance to the Company of these projects-the contemplated extension to North Carolina especially. It seems to be the arm of steam!

The annual meeting of the Stockholders

for the reaper. And we still hope the far- er tried that plan yet. The Pioncer, since Long Cane, if she gives heed to the advice mers of this State will realize a better yield its existence, has been very irregular in its administered upon Saturday last, many, than has been anticipated.

It is too soon, now, to speculate on the just in time to be too late for us to copy its orn crop; but as we have not had a first- report. We have not seen a number of rate yield in several years, we venture to that paper for three months earlier in the think it is at least time we should have one, and hence hope for it.

#### Lovying upon Corn-Oribs.

We have heard, but cannot say how truly, that a party of men, somewhere in Aulerson District, recently supplied themselves with a wagon load of corn from a neighbor's crib without license, after frightening the servants (the only witnesses of the scene) into silence by showing their guns and threatening to shoot. The owner had refused to supply them. We have not heard the full particulars, but we know the outrage should be rigorously punished. The necessity that makes rogues of honest men we hope never may.

of a farmer, went at night to help them- livered the charge to the congregation. wretch's skull.

#### Stephens against Knew Nothingism. Hon. A. H. Sternens, of Georgia, has lately given his views on the subject of

Know Nothingism in a letter solicited by Col. THOMAS, of Elberton.

We had looked with some anxiety, not wholly exempt from a degree of apprehension, for this gentleman to define his position in reference to the new faith. At the outset, if asked how he would stand, we should without hesitation have placed him where he now is; but as there were subsequent contradictory reports in Georgia as to his whereabouts, and as the Chronicle de Sentinel manifestly squinted towards Know-Nothingism, we began to fear. But he has settled the question so far as his own position is concerned; and, we believe, has settled it so far as the position of Georgia is concerned. We cannot believe that Knowexposition of Stephens uncovers it.

We have all along believed Know-Nothingism to be unworthy the support of of our country. We believe it to be the spawn of Northern demagogism, and would warn the generous bosom of the South how

## A Wrong Conclusion.

THE Pioneer thinks the papers of Abberansactions of the Hamburg market. If fore had been correct, and its sagacity in discovering the truth in all cases established, it might have caused us, so far as we for we confess to a delinquency in deed, though not in motive.

place, would be as absurd and futile as unjust to our friends at Hamburg and those in the habit of trading there. We are aware that perhaps one-half of our subscribers in this District still prefer the Hamburg market, and we have too much respect for their judgment, and for the use of honorable means, to play so contemptible a trump to win over a few bales of cotton for our market as would be a suppression of the reports of the Hamburg with that view. We are for free trade and honorable competition always; and while we do do not pretend to deny that we should be gratified to see even The Growing Orops. Abbeville C. He the market of the entire Fire searcity of provisions throughout District, we would have it to be the result the country generally has been and is now purely of legitimate causes, not of unfair little less pressing than that of the famons means. Is that selfishness! Does the Piforty five. South Carolina has not suffered over not feel the same in reference to his yet as and did than, but she has felt she own town! If he possesses less of the sin pressure in no year comfortable degree.

visits to us-coming, when it comes at all, week than Friday evening, after our week's issue is off. The report from it then would be stale by the next issue. We are under many obligations to our friends in Hamburg and Augusta, and will always take pleasure in reporting their markets free gratis, and advertising their business at the lowest possible rates. And we hereby invite proposals from Hamburg for furnishing us weekly reports of its market. Who will undertake? and at what price?

# [FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS ]

the Rev. THOMAS A. HOYT was duly inhas never yet existed in this country, and stalled Pastor of Upper Long Cane church. The services appertaining to the occasion are told, somewhere in Georgia, not long C. WILLIAMS, who preached the installation

one holding the nether end of the lever to ous and prayerful consideration of the conkeep the passage open, the proprietor made gregation the charge of the minister last nate enough to hear it, and to impress it and of their children's children.

a wish that it could be printed in letters of Nothingism can hold up its head where the and glory of the great Head of the Church. The tobacco is also suffering from the fly.

whilst denying to no gentleman the right the occasion referred to, "universally be- present writing there is not the least indito be heard in our columns in its defence, if loved in the church from which he was cation of rain. Dust in abundance, In asked, not cease to oppose it so long as it torn-universally beloved in the Presbytery some parts of the country the wells and invades the peace and threatens the dignity whence he came, and so far as I know, unihe has recently attached himself." As a water. Cotton that is up has not suffered minister, an earnest, able and eloquent exforwant of rain, but the corn crop needs it it hatches it into vitality. The letter of Mr. Stephess should and will have infinitely religion—as a man, an obliging, kind, warmmore weight than any blows we could in- hearted neighbor, friend and companion. states that the drought continues in that fliet, and we shall reproduce it at an early Let us therefore deal justly by him, and act section of the country, and no change apday. Let it be read by every one who charitably towards him. Let us have pears probable. The sky presents the same feels the slightest misgivings on the subject, enough confidence in him to believe most unvarying aspect—cloudless and brass-like. post-offices have been established in this and any concern for the prevalence of politimplicitly that to the very utmost of his and gloomy forebodings fill the breast of ability he will faithfully discharge his dual. Nothing short of a general long conville selfish, because they do not report the Let our ears be unstopped to hear his com- very large amount will be required to make mendations-let them be closed to reliears- up the deficiency of last year, the present all the conclusions of the Pionecr hereto- als of his short-comings. Let our lips move in utterance of his praise-let our mouths be dumb to speak to his shame.

As we meet him in his pathway of arduous

ARKANSAS.—The Little Rock Wing of the long by the middle of Juna—indeed, one farmer, the 2d instantsays: "The effect of the long by the middle of Juna—indeed, one farmer, as we meet him in his pathway of arduous continued low water is severe indeed. At in the vicinity of Macon commenced hardeness. are concerned, some trouble to disprove the toil, bowed to the ground under a sense of no other time within our recollection would vesting his wheat crop on Friday last. charge, since we have no direct testimony his responsibilities, let us cheer him with it have been sensibly felt. The shortness to present except our own carnest denial; our smiles—encourage him with a warm grasp of the hand, and lighten his heart by the State; but it would not have been half bidding him "God speed." In our closet, so trying if the river had been navigable ble portion of Georgia, I found the crops We are not selfish; at least not more so at our family altars, and in the great con- at the usual time. As it is, the late cotton We are not selfish; at least not more so than others. And if we were, the idea of building up a cotton market at Abbeville by ignoring that at Hamburg or at any other place, would be as absurd and futile as un-

many bright and palmy days.

The Crops. The Darlington Gazette of Thursday says The protracted drought which has prevailed in our section of the State during the entire Spring, continues without mitigation, and is beginning to be a most serious and alarming visitation. The slight shower of Mon-day, the 7th instant, imparted some little vigor to the few languishing plants that had previously struggled into existence, but was wholly insufficient to cause the vegetation of seed remaining in the ground. A majority of our planters are thus without stands of either cotton or corn. When we consider the extreme scarcity and high price of provisions in every quarter of the globe, and the probable increased demand upon Upper Long Cane.

Messas. Editors:—On Saturday last powers in Europe, the prospect of a failure of the corn crop, in any considerable sec-tion, is a matter of very grave importance.

The travelling correspondent of the Au-A similar demonstration was made, we were conducted by the Rev. Messrs. John gusta Constitutionalist, under date of "Chattanooga, May 14," says: "There has been a few showers in the Western States gener- well dreessed man, with an action indicating ago, which ended rather tragically to one sermon from Jeremiah 3 ch., 15 v.--Jonx ally, which undoubtedly have done great of the party concerned. Several lazy fellows McLees, who delivered the charge to the benefit, although much more is required. having been denied admittance to the crib Pastor, and Thomas L McBryne, who de- It is too early to speak of cotton, but from all I see and hear, the crops of small selves. A lever was applied to make an We resort to your columns with a notice promising. Corn is very young but on lever was proceeding towards him a promising. Corn is very young, but on low opening between the logs for one to creep of these interesting and solemn exercises, lands there never was a more beautiful or in the interval the individual had drawn a in and fill the sacks. While thus engaged, for the purpose of commending to the seri- more promising stand. I have seen some double-barrelled pistol, and, aiming at the cotton coming up in fine style, and at least in the neighborhood of Nashville and this out effect. He was immediately seized by place, there never was beitter promise of a the police, but not until he had drawn ana descent upon them. Simultaneously the named, and to exhort the members thereof fruit crop; as the fruit is mostly formed, other pistol and made an attempt to shoot fellow inside slipped his head out and the to meditate deeply thereupon-to commuthere can be no mistake about this. The again. It is said that one of the balls one at the lever let go to run, when down nicate the advice therein contained to their quantity of corn planted this year, I am told, come the wall, literally smashing the poor neighbors and friends who were not forth- is infinitely greater than the last, and whether Sebastopol stands or falls, we shall likely nate enough to hear it, and to impress it be able to supply all mankind with enough indelibly upon the minds of their children, and to spare of the staff of life."

NORTH GEORGIA.-The editor of the If the leading thoughts of this charge Chattanooga Advertiser has recently travcould be impressed upon the minds and ersed nearly the whole extent of Walker hearts of the people of the congregation, county. He writes that the wheat crop is and they influenced to act them out towards flattering, corn looks well, oats have suffered their Pastor in their daily walk and confor want of rain but are now promising. versation, beyond all question be would be from want of corn. A few farmers have a a happy, useful man, and they a harmonious, prosperous body of christians.

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supply, but are holding on for \$1 50 per lation, though an exception was made in bushel; some, however, have been obliged The Comparison of the British residents in Paris. At the couclusion of its delivery, we felt to stop plowing from want of corn to feed.

VIRGINIA.-The Norfolk Herald entergold and scattered broadcast over the whole tains serious apprehensions for the creps in extent, not only of Upper Long Cane con-Virginia. It says: In all this section of the gregation, but of every Presbyterian congregation within the limits of the State, ciful Providence should send it in time, the and we hoped and prayed, for the sake of most deplorable and disastrus consequences the extension of the principles and doctrines will be the result. We learn too that the of our denomination—for the sake of the Amelia, Charlotte, and other counties in the peace of a congregation of noble people- southern section of the State, and also in but above all, for the sake of the honor many of the counties north of Richmond.

In the person of our Pastor, we have a of the 12th inst. says: While other porminister and a man of whom we may well tions of the country have been blessed with a generous and republican people, and shall, be proud. One, as was remarked upon ing greatly for the want of it. At the versally beloved in the Presbytery to which seven miles in order that they may procure

prospect of a second and more general failure is most serious indeed.

One Week Later from Europe.

The steamer Baltic, with dates from Engand to the 5th instant, arrived at New York on Friday night.

Throughout England a strong feeling a-gainst the ministry is being manifested; indignation meetings" regarding the conduct of the war have been held in Derby, Slieffield, and other places.

The Emperor of the French narrowly esaped assassination on Saturday evening,

Lord John Russell and M. Drouyn do Huys have returned to London and Paris, he negotiations having failed.

There is some talk of a mediatory proposition on the part of Austria, with the consent of Prussia, being likely to be accepted.
With regard to the siege of Sevastopol

no advantage decisive enough to warrant an assault has been gained, and it is generally believed that the siege operations must be abandoned for the present.

The Emperor of the French had a narrow escape from assassination on the evening of the 28th, while on his way to join the Empress in her usual ride in the Champs Elysees. The Emperor, accompanied by two officers of his household, when near the Barrier de l'Etoile, was approached by a desire to present a petition. The latter advanced to within five or six paces of the Emperor, who had not observed him, when he was discovered by a policeman. As the cab was rapidly driven between them; and Emperor, discharged both barrels, but withgrazed the Emperor's hat. This would-be assassin is an Italian, named Pianozi, and was formerly in Garabaldi's army. He was in London while the Emperor was there on his late visit, and would then have made the attempt if he had not been prevented by the great concourse of people.

After this incident the Emperor proceeded with his ride, and visited the Opera Comique in the evening, where he was greeted with immense outbursts of loyalty enthusiasm. The Emperor has decided not to receive the formal address of congratu-The Corporation of London have adopted

Pianozi is in close confinement and will be tried about the middle of May. The Fusionist and Orleanist papers publish the official accounts from the Moniteur without word of comment.

The position of the Allied forces in the Crimea is exciting the greatest anxiety and

apprehension at home. Immense Russian reinforcements are spoken of as hovering near Sevastopol, ready to throw themselves at any time along the shole line of Allied operations.

The fire of both the English and French armies had been continued before Sevastopol; but, though superior to that of the enemy, Lord Raglan admits that it had not produced that effect which might have been anticipated from its constancy, power and

accuracy. The Russians have been making fierce and vigorous sorties, and the fighting has been severe on both sides.

It is believed that the siege will be abanloned for the present, and that the main force of the allied forces will be obliged to penetrate into the Crimea, engage the dif-ferent divisions of the Russian army, cut off, f possible, supplies and reinforcements, and

deavor to invest the city and fortress. The Russian and French and English accounts of operations are, in some instances, widely various.

## The Weather and the Crops.

We learn from gentlemen who have ties. Let our eyes be opened to behold his tinued rain will save the crops, especially virtues—let them be shut to his faults. that of corn, and in view of the fact that a passon that the crops of cotton, and form who have explored extensively the State of nessee, that the crops of cotton and corn, although backward, had generally obtained a good stand, and, with seasonable rain. will promise an abundant yield. The wheat crops in the upper counties of Georgia are ARRANSAS.—The Little Rock Whig of very good, and will be ready for the sickle

> After the above had been placed in type, one of the gentlemen alluded to, handed u

of our prayers to the mercy seat, asking for him large measures of grace, free communications with the Spirit, and a more perfect conformity to the image of his Massian perfect that the constant perfect of Universalian had been perfect that the constant perfect of Universalian had been perfect that the constant perfect of Universalian had been perfect that the constant perfect of Universalian had been perfect that the constant perfect the prevention of the office filled—love them in magnification to the office filled—love them in magnification to the office filled—love them in magnification of the testing to the design of the perfect of the office filled—love them in magnification of the testing to the perfect of the office filled—love them in magnification of the testing to the perfect of the office filled—love them in magnification of the testing the filled